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Brigadier General Arthur G Trudeau, USA
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The commission shall meet in the City of Manila, Philippine Islands, at the call of the President thereof.

The commission is authorized to employ or appoint such interpreters, stenographic reporters, and other assistants as it shall deem advisable.

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